



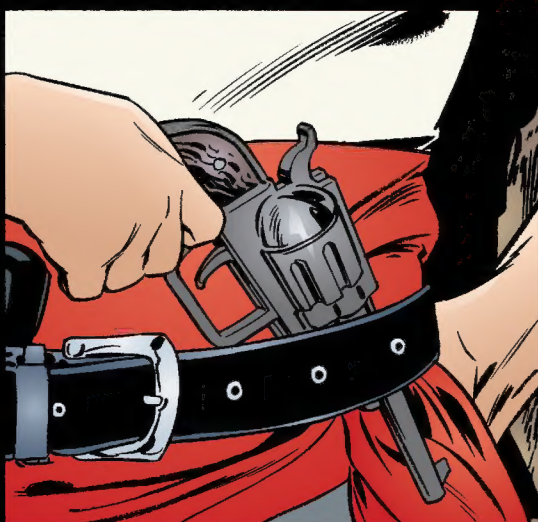
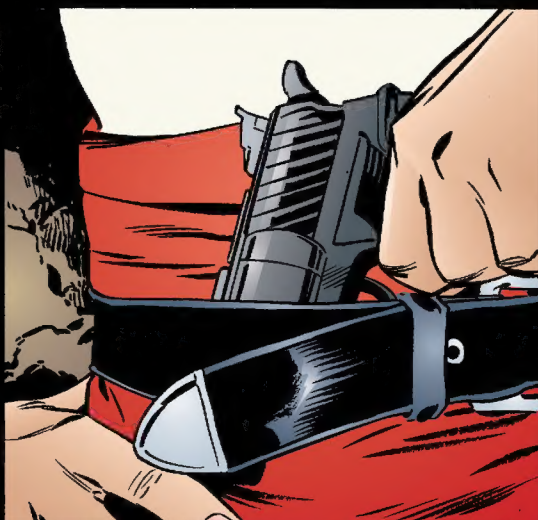
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The Story So Far:

In the upstate New York community known as The Farm, many of the animals and non-human-looking Fables have been secretly plotting a revolution against the human-looking members of the New York City Fabletown. The nascent revolution came violently out in the open with the death of Colin the Pig. Reynard the Fox saw things he shouldn't have seen and is being hunted by many of the more predatory Fables. And now, according to Reynard, it looks like Snow White may be in danger as well.



The Pirates of Upstate New York

Part Three of Animal Farm

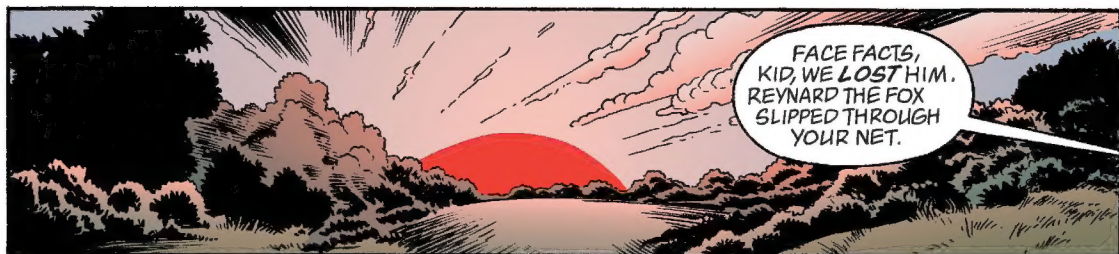
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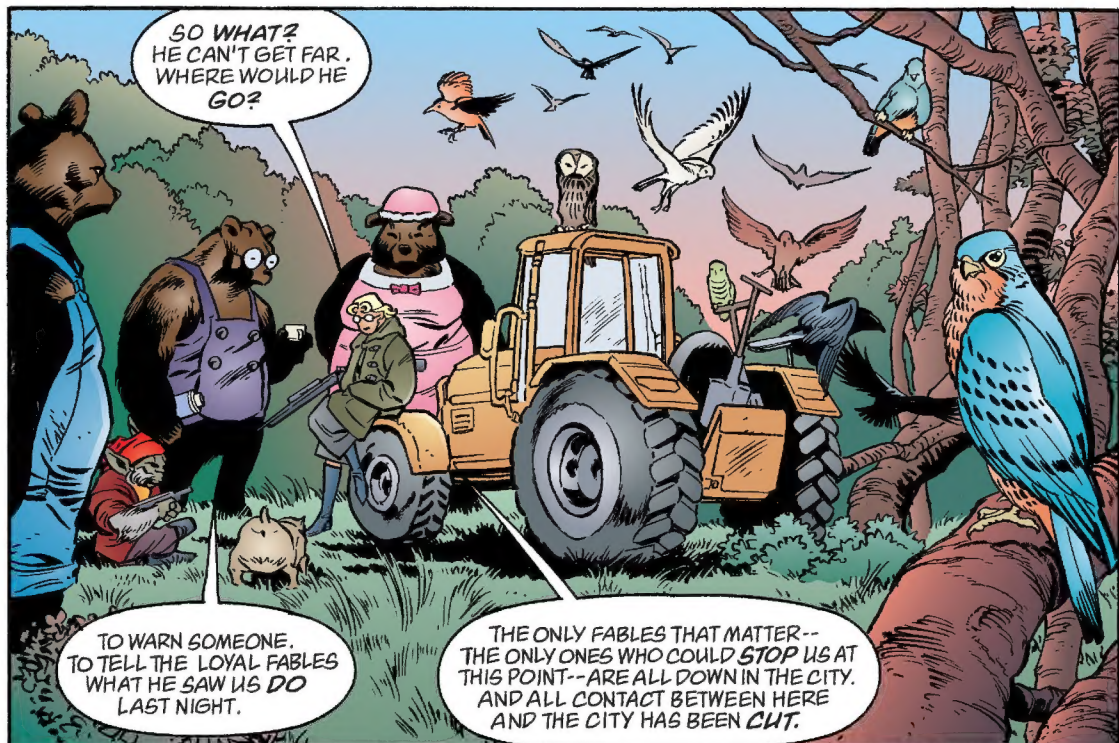
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FACE FACTS,
KID, WE **LOST** HIM.
REYNARD THE FOX
SLIPPED THROUGH
YOUR NET.



SO WHAT?
HE CAN'T GET FAR.
WHERE WOULD HE
GO?

TO WARN SOMEONE.
TO TELL THE LOYAL FABLES
WHAT HE SAW US DO
LAST NIGHT.

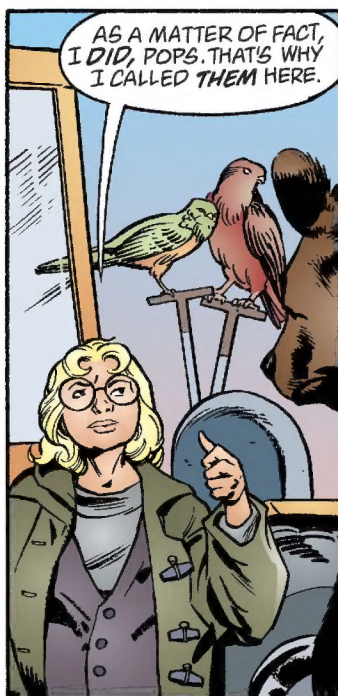
THE ONLY FABLES THAT MATTER--
THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD **STOP** US AT
THIS POINT--ARE ALL DOWN IN THE CITY.
AND ALL CONTACT BETWEEN HERE
AND THE CITY HAS BEEN **CUT**.



WHAT IS
REYNARD
GOING TO
DO, **RUN**
ALL THE WAY
THERE?

NO, BUT HE COULD
SEND ONE OF THE
FLYING FABLES
WITH A MESSAGE.

DID YOU
THINK OF **THAT**,
GOLDY?

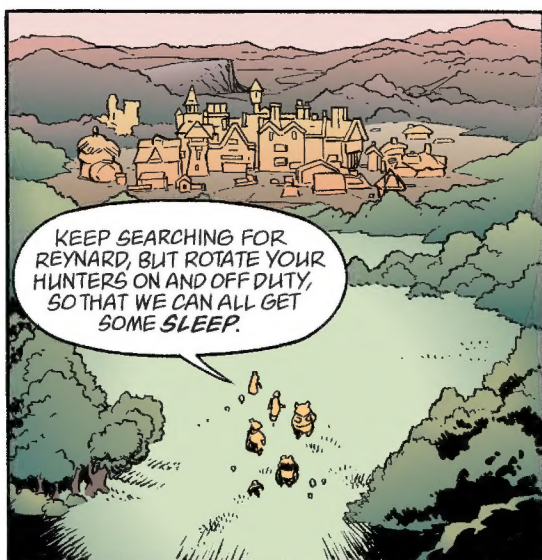
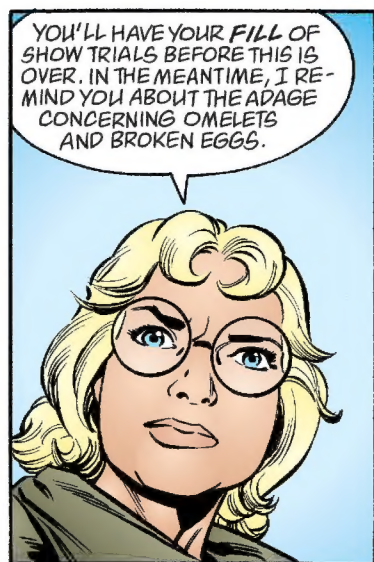
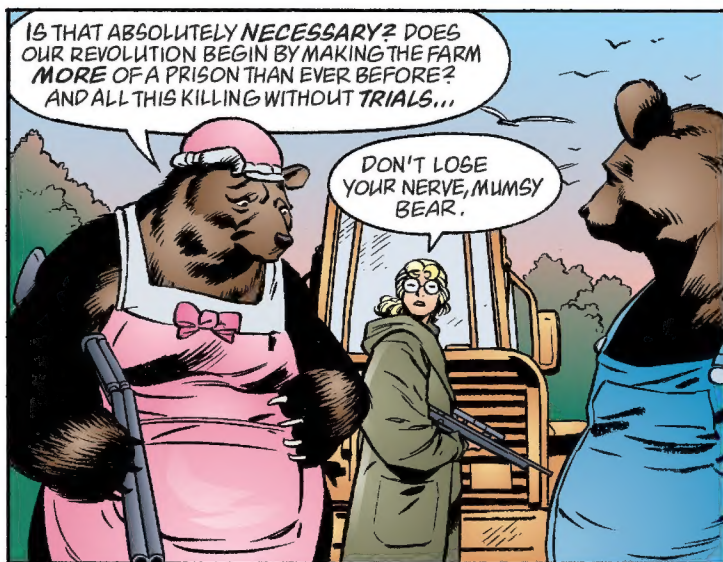
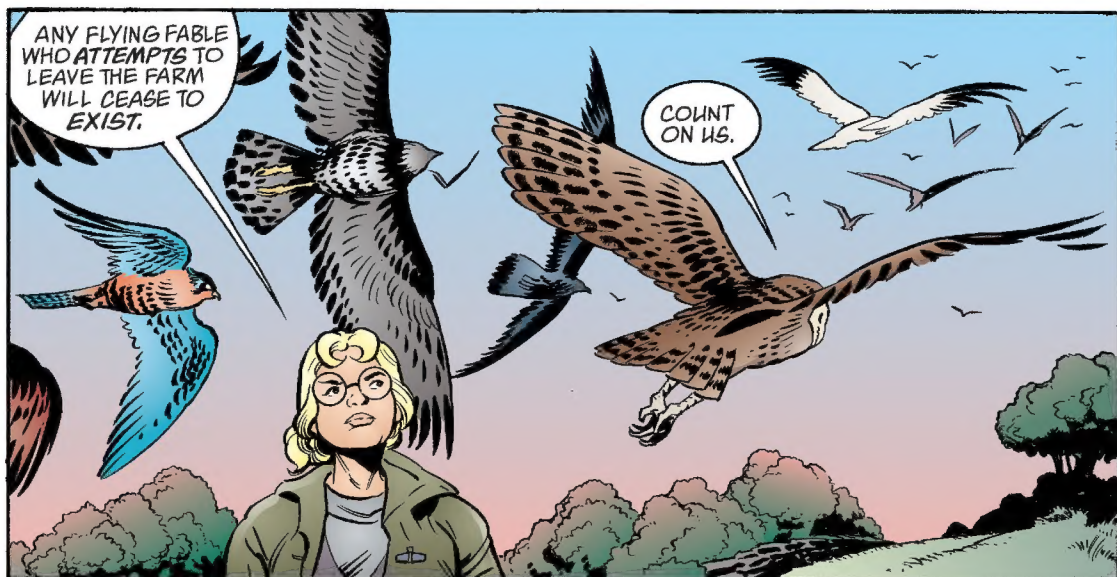


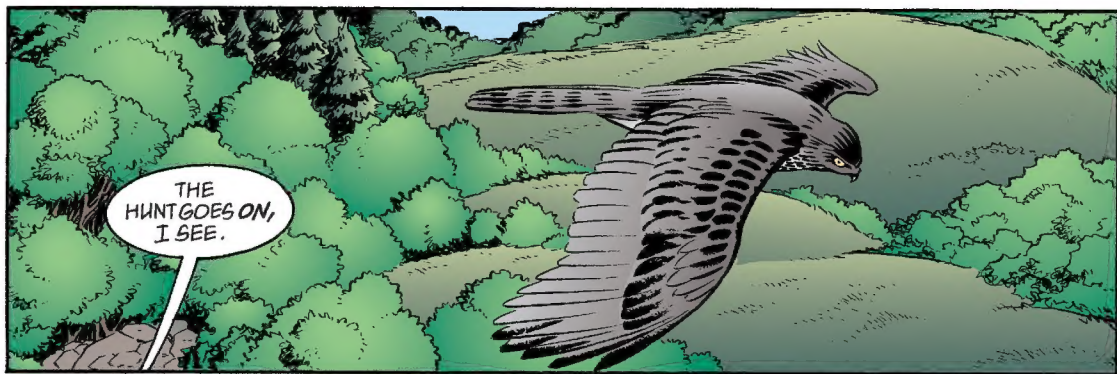
AS A MATTER OF FACT,
I **DID**, POPS. THAT'S WHY
I CALLED **THEM** HERE.



LISTEN CLEARLY, COMRADES.
I WANT YOU TO ESTABLISH
ABSOLUTE AIR SUPREMACY
OVER OUR LANDS. TOTAL
LOCKDOWN. NOTHING
GETS IN OR OUT.

UNDER-
STOOD.





THE HUNT GOES ON, I SEE.



CAREFUL, SNOW. HAWK'S CIRCLING OVERHEAD.

WE SHOULD BE FINE THOUGH, AS LONG AS WE STAY UNDER COVER.

LOVELY. THE BEST WAY TO REMAIN UNDETECTED IS TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO CURL UP AND SLEEP.



WE CAN'T DO THAT YET, SWEETIE. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN THESE WOODS LOOKING FOR US.

"SWEETIE"?



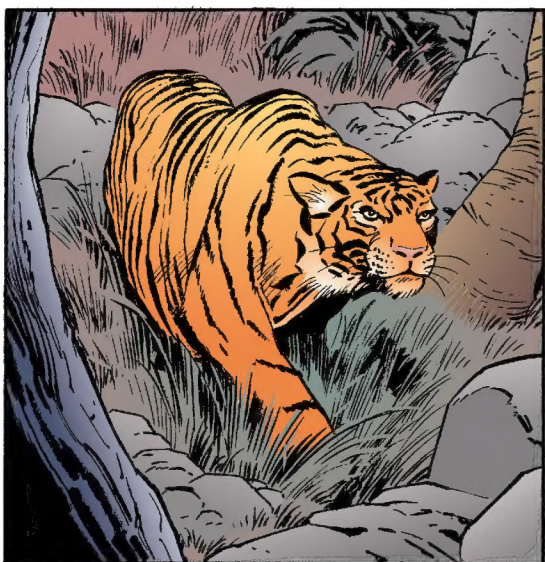
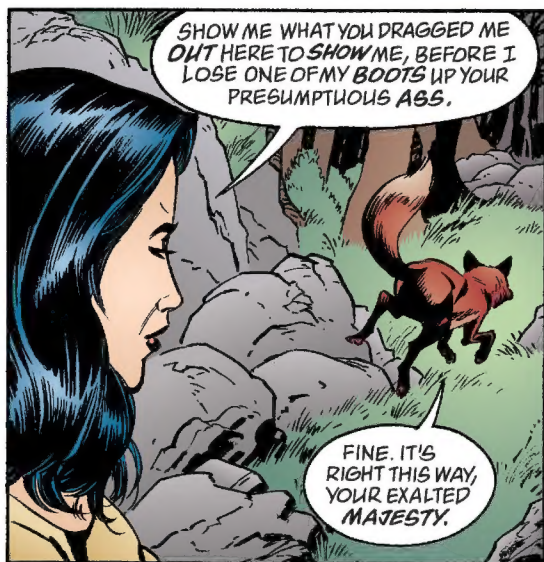
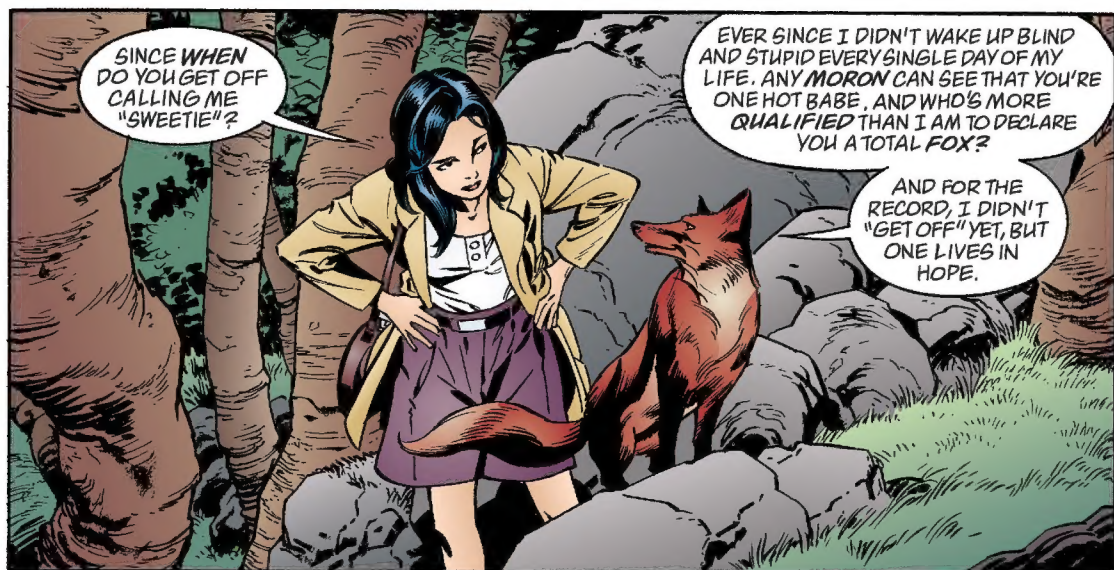
I WISH YOU WERE PACKING HEAT TO PROTECT US FROM ALL OF THE LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS -- OH MY.

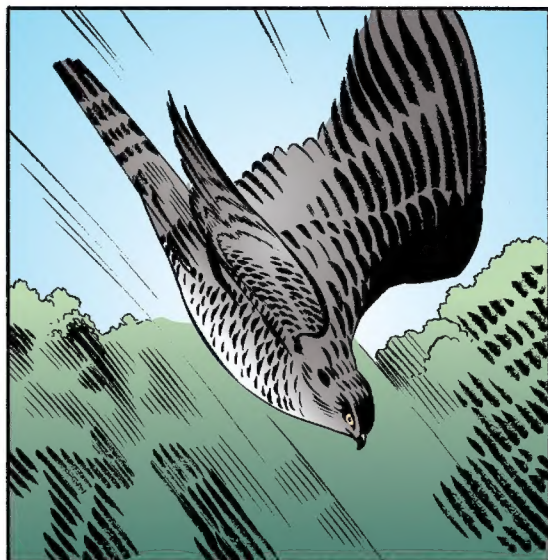
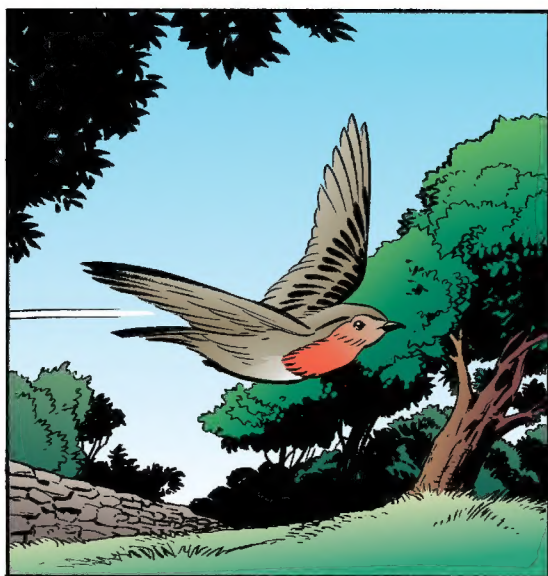
SWEETIE?

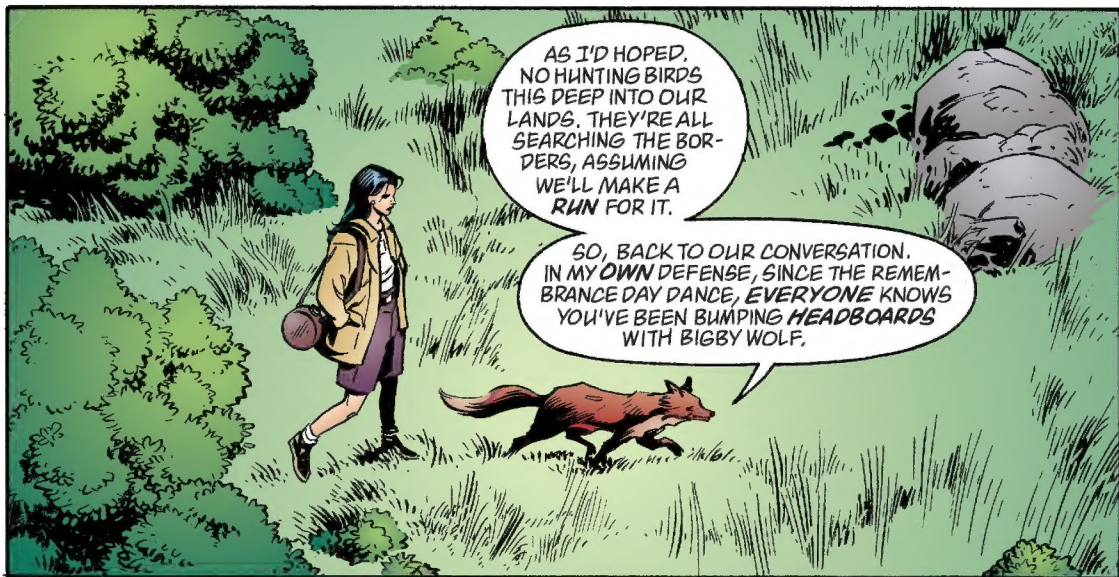


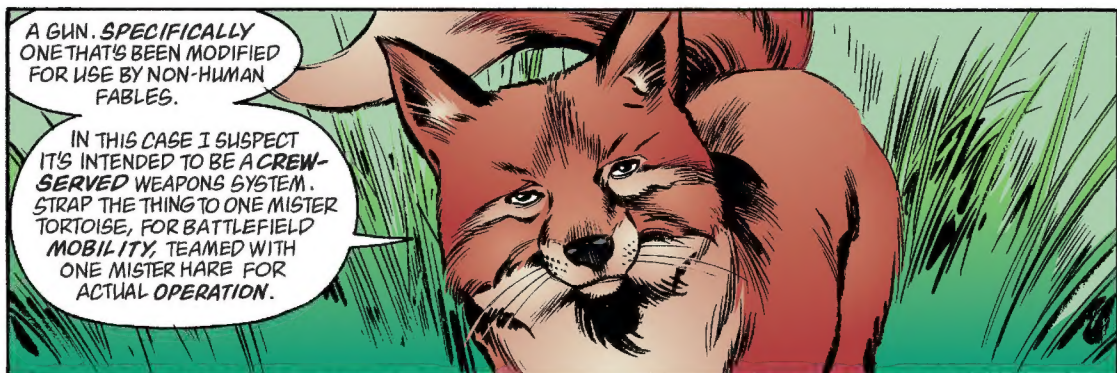
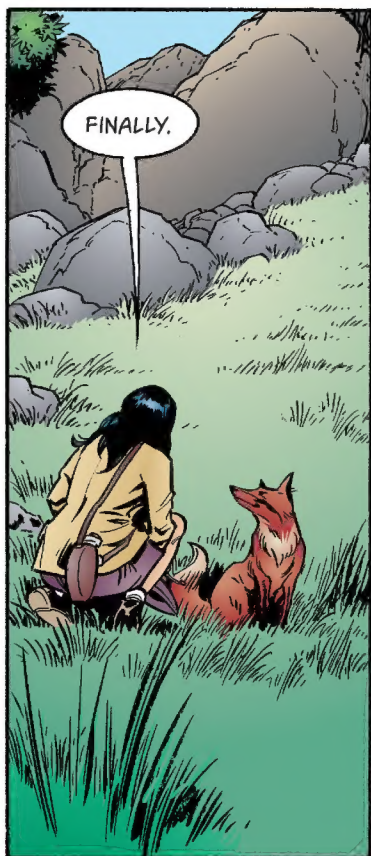
SSSSSSH! ARE YOU TRYING TO GET US KILLED?

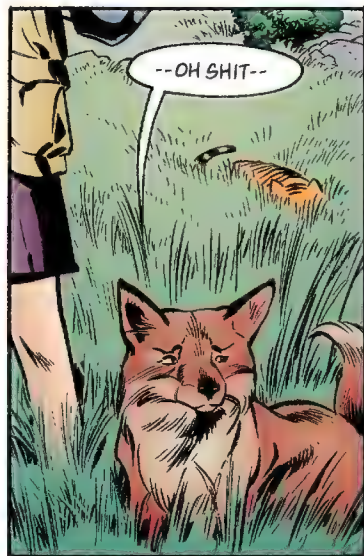
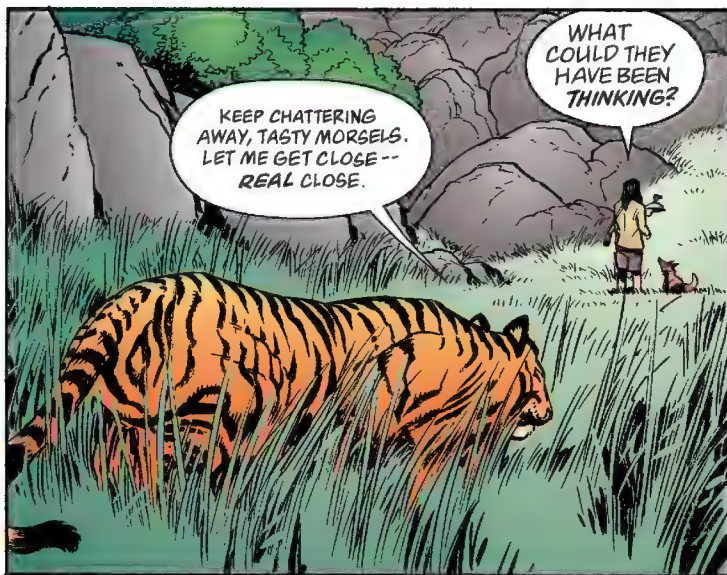
WHY DON'T YOU JUST START YELLING, "HERE WE ARE! COME EAT US!"













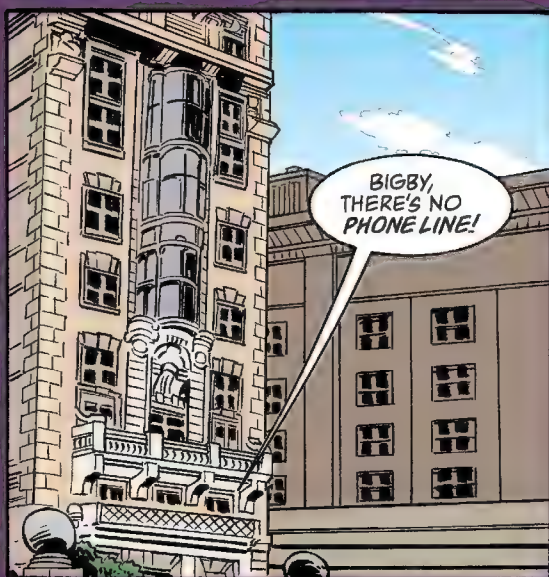


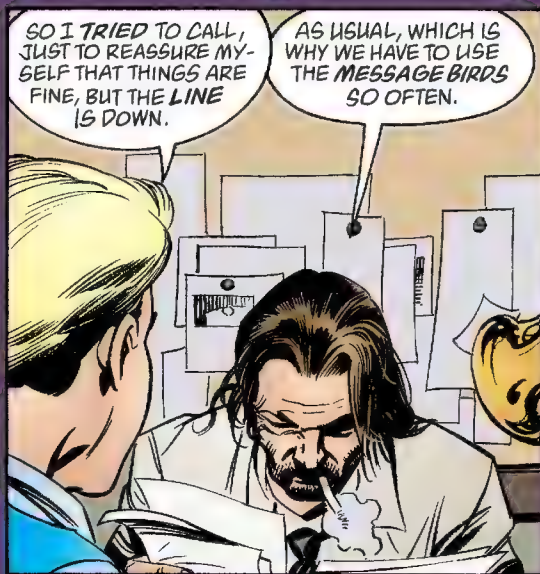
huff huff

WOW.

I FORGOT
huff huff HOW THIS
SIGHT huff huff
ALWAYS LEAVES
ME huff huff
huff huff

--BREATHLESS.



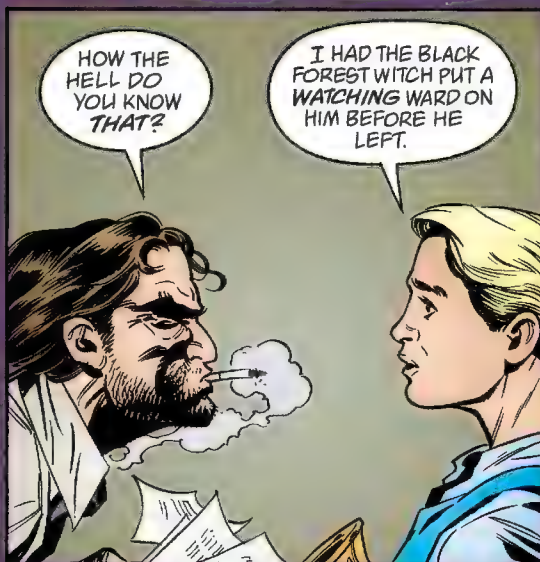


SO I TRIED TO CALL, JUST TO REASSURE MYSELF THAT THINGS ARE FINE, BUT THE **LINE** IS DOWN.

AS USUAL, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE TO USE THE **MESSAGE BIRDS** SO OFTEN.

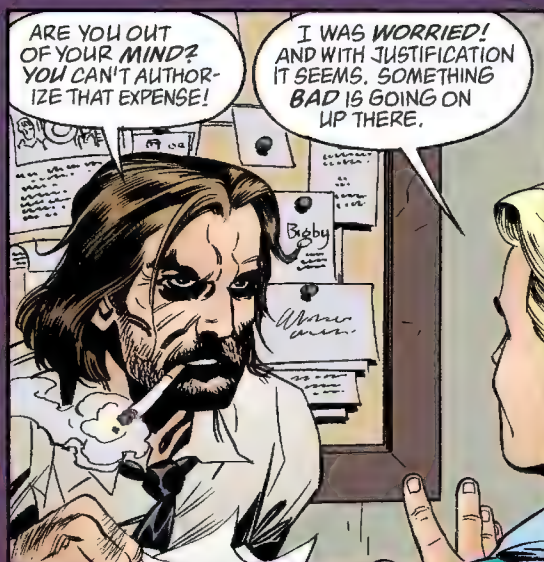


RIGHT, SO THAT WAS MY NEXT STEP. **COCK ROBIN** WAS IN THE DOCK FOR THE NEXT FLIGHT, AND HE'S AWFUL **RELIABLE**. BUT NOW HE'S DEAD! HE WAS KILLED THIS MORNING, ALMOST THE VERY **MOMENT** HE REACHED THE FARM.



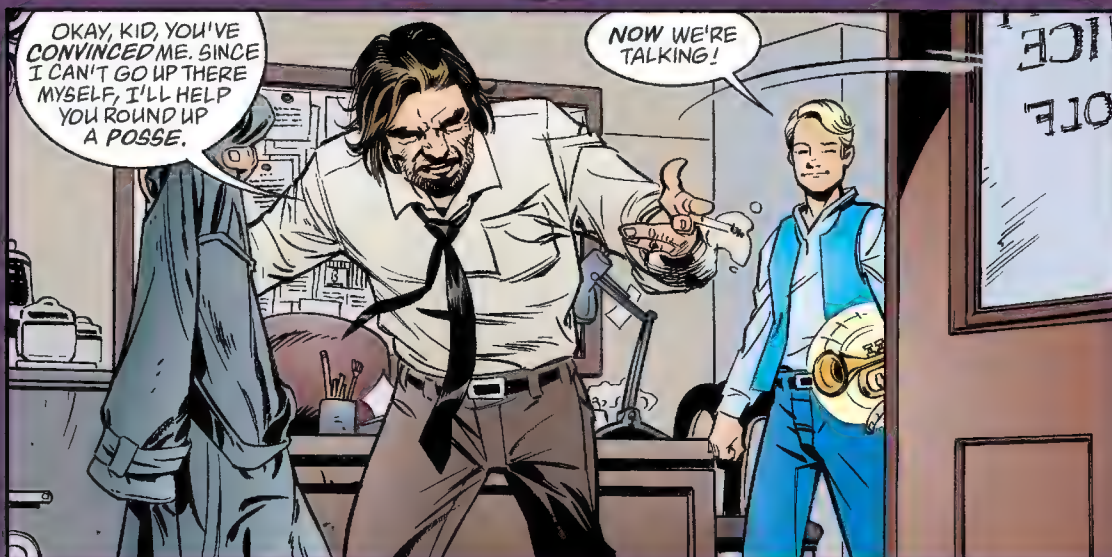
HOW THE HELL DO YOU KNOW **THAT**?

I HAD THE **BLACK FOREST WITCH** PUT A **WATCHING WARD** ON HIM BEFORE HE LEFT.



ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR **MIND**? YOU CAN'T **AUTHORIZE** THAT EXPENSE!

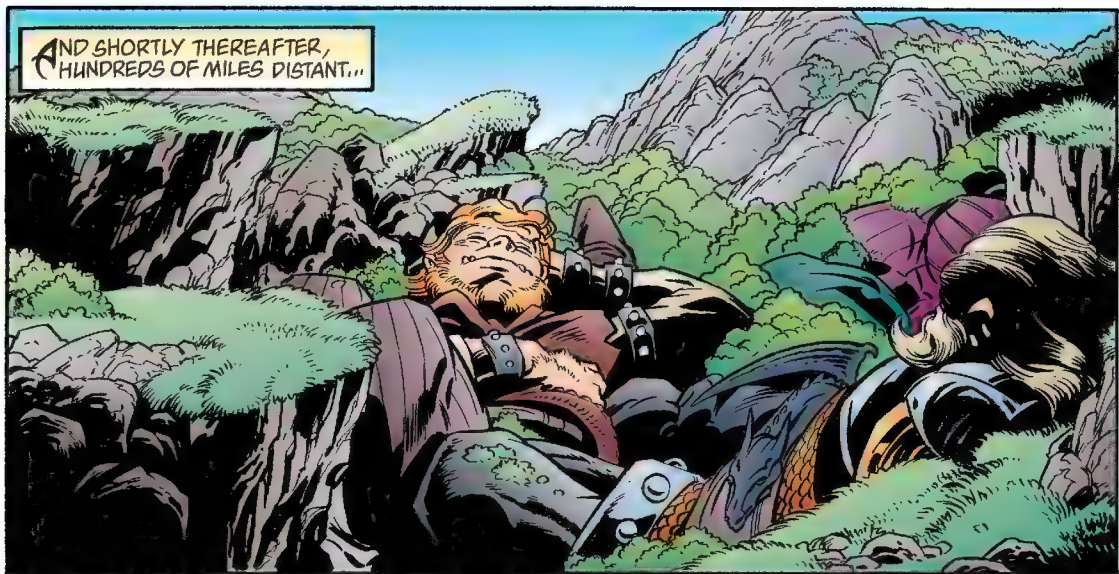
I WAS **WORRIED!** AND WITH JUSTIFICATION IT SEEMS. SOMETHING **BAD** IS GOING ON UP THERE.



OKAY, KID, YOU'VE **CONVINCED** ME. SINCE I CAN'T GO UP THERE MYSELF, I'LL HELP YOU **ROUND UP** A **POSSE**.

NOW WE'RE **TALKING!**

AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER,
HUNDREDS OF MILES DISTANT..



DID YOU HONESTLY
HOPE TO ELUDE **ME**,
HUMAN TIDBIT?



SHERE
KHAN!

DID YOU DARE
IMAGINE THAT
SINGLE MOUTHFUL
ON FOUR LEGS
COULD LONG
DELAY ME?

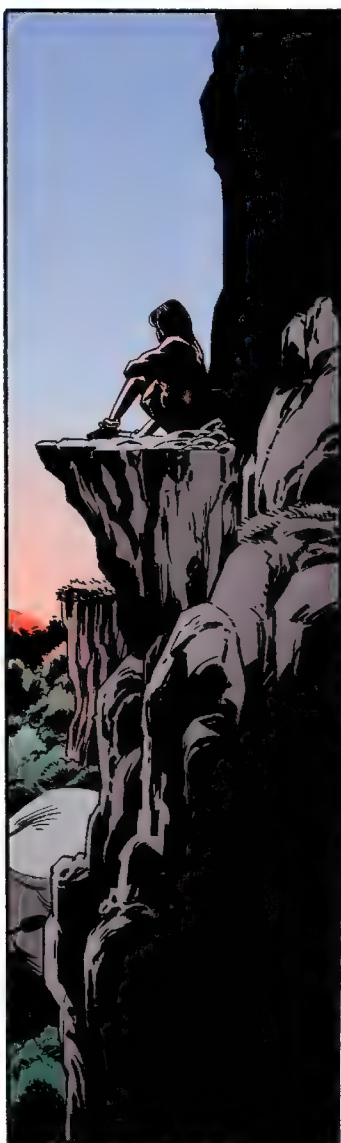


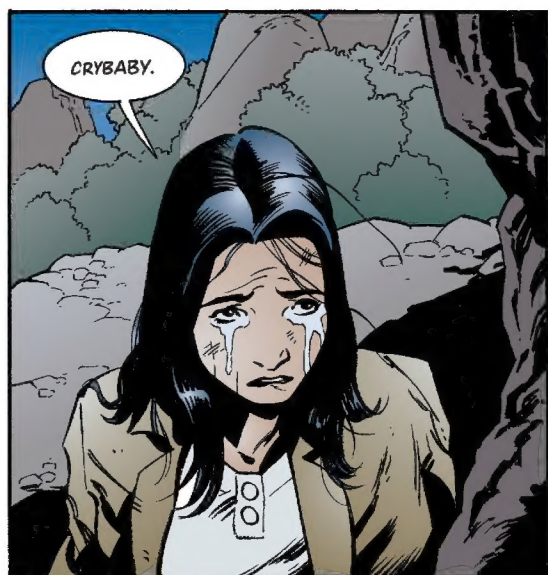
OH
GOD!

TRUTH BE TOLD,
I NEARLY LOST
YOUR TRAIL. YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE
PAUSED TO
PISS BACK
THERE.







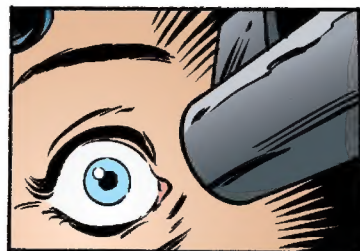




WEYLAND
SMITH!

SNOW
WHITE?
IS THAT
YOU?

FANCY
MEETING YOU
HERE. TO WHAT
DO I OWE THE
PLEASURE?



NEXT: SHOW TRIALS & PUBLIC EXECUTIONS!



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